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2. Form 1449 listing 5 documents (1 page, in duplicate); and
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Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application are aware of the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form and have enclosed a copy of each of the listed documents. The listed documents are the October 27, 2003 European Search Report and the documents cited in this Search Report.

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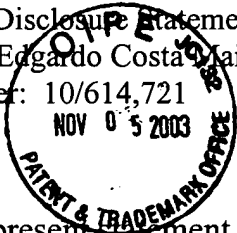
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The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by the Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicants request that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form (submitted in duplicate).

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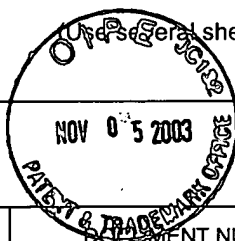
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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